

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION**  
**IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011**

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<b>Applicant</b>	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District	<b>County</b>	Monterey
<b>Project Title</b>	Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay IRWMP Update	<b>Grant Request</b>	\$995,000
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$1,710,762

**Project Description** Update the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay IRWMP to meet IRWM Program Plan Standards. Application also includes updates to the Canyon Del Rey Watershed Drainage Plan; development of a Salt Nutrient Management Plan for the Seaside Groundwater Basin; Steelhead barrier assessment in the Carmel River Watershed; San Jose Creek Watershed Plan; and Hydrologic modeling of the Carmel River Alluvial Aquifer.

**Evaluation Summary**

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	10
Budget	6
Program Preferences	6
Geographic Balance	0
<i>Total Score</i>	<i>41</i>

- **Work Plan** The proposal is short on detail regarding the state of the existing plan, and how the current plan should will be developed into a fully standards compliant plan. While work is proposed it's unclear how it will help meet IRWM plan objectives or new standards. Much of the proposed funding does not deal with the plan update directly, but rather on studies of specific implementation project alternatives. The level of detail varies on the scope of these projects. It is not indicated in the proposal how these projects will help advance the IRWM Plan. More points would have been awarded if the proposal better established how the proposed actions needed to make a standards compliant plan.
- **DAC Involvement** No DACs have been identified to date to contribute to the IRWM efforts, the proposal commits to expanded outreach to identify DACs based on new 2010 census data. Additional outreach is proposed through use of individuals to identify and contact individuals to gather with knowledge about DACs and their specific needs. Further incorporation of DACs needs is proposed for inclusion as a criterion used in the project selection process. The proposal specifically targets representation on the Stakeholder group of an EJ community near contaminated military facility, which was overlooked in the 2007 IRWMP.
- **Schedule** The schedule is consistent with work plan tasks and reasonable to accomplish within the time frame.
- **Budget** There is a summary budget for the IRWM Plan update and the eight special projects, however, there is lack of detail on plan update portion. Budgets for individual project-related planning studies do not follow a uniform format and are of varying degrees of detail. It is difficult to accurately trace the costs to ascertain consistency with the schedule and work plan. Some of the budgets provide insufficient detail. Total costs or costs paid by IRWM grant shown on individual projects budgets do not always agree with summary budget.
- **Program Preference** Six Program Preferences (Regional projects/programs, Integrate within hydrologic region, Climate Change Response Actions, Environmental Stewardship, Protect surface and groundwater quality and Equitable Distribution of Benefits) are adequately addressed and the breadth and magnitude sufficiently documented.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable